THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Under the Programme on Energy Recovery from urban wastes, financial assistance ranging from Rs. 1.50 crore to Rs. 3.00 crore per MW with an upper limit of Rs. 8.00 crore per project is available. The amount of subsidy depends upon the type of waste and the technology deployed and is subject to eligibility and other terms and conditions of the Programme. Assistance is also available for capacity building, dissemination of information and creation of awareness through training programmes, workshops, seminars, etc.

(b) Utilisation of municipal wastes for generation of energy can be supported in the solid waste management projects under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission if proposed by the State Governments/Urban Local Bodies depending upon the waste characteristics, techno-economic feasibility and local conditions.

(c) The projects can be taken up by urban local bodies, other Government organisations, private developers, industries or through public private partnership.

Special Economic Zone for renewable energy system

†2849. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to establish a 'Special Economic Zone' for renewable energy systems in the country and for indigenous manufacture of instruments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in which States such zones are proposed to be established;

(d) whether Government propose to initiate such a project in Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a non-banking financial company under the administrative control of this Ministry, is envisaging formation of a Special Purpose Vehicle for setting up, maintaining and running of a Special Economic Zone for renewable energy products.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the position stated above.

Wind energy plants in Tamil Nadu

2850. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the coastal region of Tamil Nadu is ideal for wind energy farms and plants;

(b) whether Government have conducted any study about the potential of wind energy in that region;

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